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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO GON ON SOVIET TRIALS

REF: (A) STATE 179532, (B) OSLO 2593, (C) OSLO 3362, (D) OSLO 3450

1. IN JULY 18 MEETING WITH MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CHRISTIANSEN, DCM AND POL SECTION CHIEF DELIVERED PAPER CONTAINING POINTS CONVEYED PARA 4, REF A.
2. CHRISTIANSEN EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR THE USG VIEW. HE CITED IN THIS REGARD THE GON STATEMENT TO THE PARLIAMENT ON THE ORLOV CASE (REF B) AND THE JULY 11 STATEMENT BY FONMIN FRYDENLUND ON THE TRIALS OF SHCHARANSKY AND GINSBURG, (REF C).
3. THE GON WAS NOT, CHRISTIANSEN SAID, CONSIDERING COLLECTIVE ACTION ON THE MATTER OF THE DISSIDENT TRIALS. SUCH  
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A MOVE, HE SAID, WOULD, IN NORWAY'S CASE, CALL FOR A JOINT SCANDINAVIAN POSITION, WHICH IN THIS CASE WAS NOT FEASIBLE IN VIEW OF FINLAND'S SPECIAL SITUATION.

4. CHRISTIANSEN STATED THAT NORWEGIAN PUBLIC OPINION WAS NOTABLY AROUSED BY THE DISSIDENT TRIALS. HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE ACTIONS OF THE NORWEGIAN HELSINKI

COMMITTEE. THAT GROUP HAS URGED A FORMAL GON PROTEST TO THE USSR AND, IN ADDITION, HAS COLLECTED 4700 SIGNATURES ON A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF ORLOV. THE GROUP HOPES TO PRESENT THE PETITION TO THE USSR AMBASSADOR IN CONNECTION WITH A JULY 18 DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY. (SEE ALSO OSLO 3450 FOR PRESS REACTION TO TRIALS.)

5. CHRISTIANSEN STRESSED THE GON NEED TO VIEW ANY STEPS TAKEN IN REGARD TO THE DISSIDENT TRIALS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL NORWEGIAN/SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WHICH, AS HE NOTED, WAS CURRENTLY MARKED BY A NUMBER OF PROBLEM AREAS.

6. CHRISTIANSEN SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAD CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR KIRICHENKO JULY 18 ON THE SHCHARANSKY SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO CHRISTIANSEN, FRYDENLUND EXPRESSED THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE TRAIL ALONG THE LINES OF THE MAY STATEMENT TO THE STORTING ON ORLOV AND THE MINISTER'S OWN JULY 11 STATEMENT ON SHCHARANSKY (PARA 2 ABOVE). CHRISTIANSEN STATED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD REACTED AS EXPECTED--NEGATIVELY. KIRICHENKO STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED FRYDENLUND'S DEMARCHE TO BE INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WENT ON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SLANTED PRESENTATION OF THE ISSUE IN THE NORWEGIAN AND OTHER WESTERN PRESS.

7. CHRISTIANSEN ASKS THAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE NORWEGIAN  
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DEMARCHE BE CLOSELY HELD FOR THE TIME BEING SINCE FRYDENLUND DOES NOT WANT IT TO BE PUBLICLY KNOWN UNTIL HIS NEXT PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE LATER THIS WEEK.  
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